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JOHN WILLIAMS' AUTO GOES OVER AN EMBANKMENT

Former Liveryman Escapes Injury in Fourth Accident on Jackson Road.

AUTO IS WRECKED AFTER HE ESCAPES

Farmer and Service Car Driver Render First Aid to Unlucky Driver.

John Williams had a miraculous escape from serious injuries yesterday evening when his machine rolled down an embankment on the Jackson road, a short distance east of the Cape La Croix bridge, between the county seat and the Cape. Mr. Williams, however, escaped with a few cuts on his hands.

Mr. Williams was returning from Jackson, where he had taken a passenger. As he approached the bridge the front wheel of his machine caught in a rut and before he could stop the machine, the front wheels left the road. The car rolled down the embankment and was overturned several times before it reached the ditch.

The escape of Mr. Williams was due to the fact that the machine was caught on a fence post near the road. In falling against the post, the machine left an opening for the driver to liberate himself from the wreckage. The machine was almost wrecked. The top was torn off and the windshield was shattered.

A farmer, who was driving just behind Mr. Williams, hurried to Mr. Williams' assistance. He was surprised to see the man unhurt. In the meantime Frank Medley of Jackson, who operates a service car between Jackson and Cape Girardeau, arrived on the scene. His passengers attempted to pull the wrecked car back upon the road, but their efforts failed and the machine was left in the ditch. Mr. Williams was taken to his home in a truck of the Bell Telephone Co.

This is the fourth accident Mr. Williams had since he sold his horses and bought a "tin lizzy." A few weeks ago his machine was struck by a Frisco train and badly damaged. The first day he operated his machine Mr. Williams collided with his livery stable on Broadway. He has had several minor accidents besides these three. At no time was he seriously hurt, but escaped with a few bruises and cuts.

WILL PREACH IN CHURCH DEDICATED BY HIS FATHER

Rev. W. C. Birkner Will Officiate at Good Friday Service in Gordonville.

Rev. Walter C. Birkner, a son of Rev. Henry Birkner, will preach his first sermon on Good Friday in the Zion Lutheran Church, near Gordonville, where his father preached his initial sermon 38 years ago. The younger Birkner is a student at the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He will arrive here Saturday for a visit with relatives in Jackson.

Rev. Henry Birkner officiated at the dedication services of the Gordonville Church, Nov. 18, 1879. He was called from Beston to take the pastorate of the new congregation and remained there for eight years. The young minister will remain in Jackson for several weeks with the family of Recorder of Deeds G. F. Schenck and other friends of his father. He will preach the Easter sermon in the Lutheran Church in Jackson.

CAPE NEGRO DIES IN ST. LOUIS

Funeral to be Held Here Friday Afternoon.

The body of Lawrence Allen, a colored man, who died in St. Louis yesterday morning, will arrive here this afternoon to be buried in the Fairmount Cemetery by the side of his sister, Zola Allen, who died in St. Louis shortly after Christmas. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon from the home of John Brown on Good Hope street.

Allen went to St. Louis in January after the death of his sister. He was well known in the Cape, having been a porter in a number of saloons.

CAPE COMPANY OF MILITIA TO BE REORGANIZED

Capt. Bain Asked to Call Members of Old Sixth Together.

MEN ARE ANXIOUS TO ENTER SERVICE

Capt. Bridges Announces He's Ready for a Post in the Commissary.

When the news of the reorganization of the old Sixth Missouri regiment reached the Cape yesterday a great number of the disbanded regiment called up Wilson C. Bain, who was the captain of Company H of the regiment, and declared their willingness to re-enlist.

The regiment comprised ten companies of ten different towns of Southeast Missouri. They were Fredericktown, Sikeston, Poplar Bluff, West Plains, Ste. Genevieve, Mountain Grove, Perryville, Jackson, Caruthersville, Lutesville and Cape Girardeau.

Capt. H. W. Bridges a commissary officer of the regiment, wired Brigadier-General Clark of Nevada, offering his service in case they were needed. He had not received a reply to the telegram. He said last night that he was ready at any time to answer a call to arms if his services were wanted.

The Sixth regiment was disbanded two years ago, after several companies had been mustered out. Capt. Wilson Bain said yesterday that the request for reorganizing the regiment were so numerous that the matter would be taken up in a few days.

He will communicate with Arthur Oliver of St. Louis, the Colonel of the regiment, and Warren Mabrey, the Lieutenant-Colonel of the disbanded regiment. Several men living in the Cape who were officers of the regiment will be interviewed regarding the reorganization of the regiment.

HAARIG STORE IS ROBBED

The store of Claude Winingham, on Good Hope street, was robbed Tuesday night, the thief gaining an entrance by crawling through a rear window. When Mr. Winingham opened the store yesterday morning he discovered the robbery.

A case of eggs which he left on the counter had been emptied. He found several hams and other groceries missing. An investigation also showed the robber had broken a pane in the rear of the store after climbing through an open window into the hallway leading to the back door.

The fact that the bars on the rear window, which are about ten inches apart were not torn from the sash indicate that the burglary was committed by either a boy or a small man. That the cash register was not tampered is evidence that the thief was after groceries and not the money. Several dollars were left in the register by Mr. Winingham when he closed up late Tuesday evening.

RITTER WILL BE FILED

The will of Alvis Ritter, who died a week ago at his home on South Sprigg street, was filed for probate yesterday afternoon in the Common Pleas Court. According to the document which was drawn up two days before his death, the bulk of the estate is given to his widow. Mrs. Rosa Schatte, a sister of the late Mr. Ritter, is to receive \$500 as her share of the estate which is valued at \$5000.

It has been discovered that a note made out jointly to Mr. Ritter and his sister for \$500 and a savings account at the First National Bank are being held by Mrs. Schatte as her share of the estate. If the amount left her in the will will not cover the total of the note and the savings account, it was said by the executor, some difficulty in settling the execution of the will was expected.

Whether Mrs. Schatte will be entitled to the \$500 left her in the will in addition to the amount of the joint note and savings account, is a matter which will have to be determined by the Probate Court during the next term.

SELL POOR FARM AND BUILD HOME IS AGAIN URGED

Women Revive the Schaefer Idea in Effort to Solve Old County Problem.

MAY TAKE HOME TO CAPE OR JACKSON

Plan Would Give Women's Club an Opportunity to Inspect the Home.

The controversy over the unsanitary conditions of the Poor Farm has revived the suggestion advocated by William B. Schaefer, president of the Cape Exchange Bank, when he was presiding judge of the County Court, eight years ago.

Judge Schaefer watched the conduct of the Poor Farm, found it a poor investment for the county, and then recommended that the ground be sold and the proceeds be used to construct a infirmary near Cape Girardeau or Jackson.

By bringing the poor house near a city, the inmates would get the benefit of the water and light facilities of the city, and the institution would be made sanitary.

Several ladies have recently revived the Schaefer idea and are planning to appeal to the County Court to sell the ground and build a new modern home.

Judge Schaefer was yesterday asked to explain the proposition that he advocated while a member of the County Court. He said: "I watched the Poor Farm carefully for more than a year, and I found that the county was not getting anything worth while out of the farm. I told my associates that the county could not operate a farm successfully as long as it conducted the farm in connection with the poor farm."

"For several years I could not get the judges to accept my suggestion. But I finally got them to give the matter serious consideration and they eventually agreed with me, but the plan was never realized."

"By selling the 400 acres of ground at the poor farm, the county could get money enough to erect an elegant home for the unfortunates. By locating the institution near the city, it would give the various women's organizations an opportunity to do some real charity work. I can't think of any plan that would prove more beneficial than to give the women a chance to supervise an institution such as the poor house. I believe they would make the establishment a credit to the whole county. In this way we would put an end to the chronic complaints about the method of taking care of our poor. But if the court is unwilling to move the institution to the city, it would be an act of charity to sell part of the ground at least and use the money to build a real home."

"When I was a member of the County Court, we offered the ground for sale, and we would have disposed of the land and moved the home to either Cape Girardeau or Jackson, if we had been able to sell the ground at a reasonable price. But there would be many buyers for the farm today, and by disposing of it, the county would get rid of a white elephant and it would get a building that would be a credit to our people." It is understood that several women in Cape and Jackson are going to urge the County Court to reconsider the Schaefer plan this year.

ASQUITH IS WON OVER TO WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

London, March 28.—Woman's suffrage gained a distinguished advocate today in the person of former Premier Herbert Asquith.

Speaking in the House of Commons regarding the proposed electoral changes, the former Prime Minister made a strong plea for the granting of the suffrage to women. He admitted, incidentally, that his previous position as government leader, had been due solely to questions of expediency. At one time Asquith was one of the most cordially detested government leaders by the Woman's Social Political Union, the militant suffragette organization.

DREADNAUGHT'S ANTI-AIR CRAFT GUNS



As fast as they can be completed anti-air craft guns, such as this one on the U. S. battleship Pennsylvania, will be put on all our dreadnaughts.

RED CROSS CHAPTER CEMETERY ASS'N HAS FOR CAPE APPROVED PEA GUESSING TEST

Women's Council of Clubs to Have Branch Organization Here.

The plan to establish a Red Cross Chapter in the Cape was indorsed yesterday afternoon by the members of the Women's Council of Clubs at a meeting held at the Commercial Club.

A petition is being circulated by Mrs. John Kochitzky to obtain the required number of signatures of influential citizens of the Cape before a petition can be forwarded to the office of the Central Division of the Red Cross Society, in Chicago. The required number of signatures will be easily obtained, it is believed, following the indorsement of the plan by the Women's Council.

Before the petition is sent to Chicago a meeting of those who have pledged their membership will be called for the purpose of electing temporary officers. The names of these officers will accompany the petition to the headquarters in Chicago. Following the receipt of this petition the Central Division will return the charter to the chapter, and a permanent organization will be effected.

The preliminary work of establishing the chapter was completed by Mr. and Mrs. Arno Zoelsmann, who were members of the Red Cross Chapter of St. Louis. Mrs. Kochitzky and Miss Hazel Harrison became enthusiastic supporters of the plan, and were asked to assist in forming a chapter here.

An appropriation of \$20,000 offered by the Carnegie Library Association for a local public library was again brought up for discussion at yesterday's meeting. It was decided to defer the matter until the proposed increase of the tax valuation has been completed by the special committee composed of members of the Commercial Club, the City Council and the School Board.

The amount appropriated by the Carnegie fund for a public library is regulated by the amount of the assessed tax valuation of the city applying for the money. Inasmuch as it is proposed to increase this valuation it was decided to defer the matter to some future meeting in order to get a larger appropriation from the Carnegie fund.

Owing to the fact that several cities in the Southeast have requested the Women's Council to furnish them with a copy of the by-laws of the council, it was decided to have these published for this purpose.

The ladies who attended the meet-

Mrs. Desselmann Gets First Prize, After Which Ladies Become Patriotic.

Fifty-five maids and matrons yesterday afternoon amused themselves by trying to guess how many peas in a water-glass. Would you imagine it? Well, they did, and, mark you, one of them guessed within fifty of the exact number.

The party was held at the home of Selma Hirsch on William street, and was for the benefit of the Cemetery Association. Every guest present was asked to donate a piece of silver for the benefit of the city cemeteries. The gift collection amounted to \$11.85.

Mrs. Hirsch offered three prizes in the pea-guessing contest. A water-glass was filled with peas and each lady was asked to estimate the number of vegetables it contained.

One lady, whose name was suppressed by the censors, estimated the number at 350. Mrs. Charles Desselmann, who guessed that there were 1050 peas in the glass, won the first prize, which was a hand-embroidered doilie. Mrs. R. H. Schultz was awarded the second prize, a breakfast cap, and Mrs. Al Meystedt received the consolation prize, which was a small bottle of ketchup. Her guess was not revealed.

The entertainment was one of the most elaborate given by the members of the Cemetery Association. Mrs. Hirsch, who was the hostess, served sandwiches, cake and coffee to her household of guests.

Mrs. Mayme Leyhe and Miss Frances Bohnsack rendered several vocal selections and Mrs. Phil A. Hoch entertained the ladies with instrumental music. At the conclusion of the program, the ladies gave a patriotic demonstration by singing the Star Spangled Banner, during which all present arose. Among the guests were:

Mesdames R. H. Schultz, E. G. Gramling, Chas. Desselmann, P. A. Hoch, Ella Dempsey, William B. Schaefer, Schmucke, Anton Kammer, M. J. Koeck, George Patton, Arthur Uhl, Lorimer, A. A. Vogel, Louis Kassel, E. Brinkmann, August Vogel-sang, Otto Eckhardt, J. P. Meyers, Fred Pape, A. Arnoldi, Bernard Walther, Amelia Bader, Herman Koehrer and daughter-in-law, Vivian Dyer, John Lind, Haman, Carl Bauer, Henry Willer, Geisser, Gertrude Zaph, John Meystedt, Arthur Schroeder, L. J. Pott, Selma Hirsch, Martin Nelson, Priest, Eumont, Henry Astholz, C. M. Freeman, Kuss, Rolwing, and Misses Frances Bohnsack, Helen Carroll, Lizzie Vasterling, Laura Igel, Irene Pott.

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CONGRESS WILL DECLARE STATE OF WAR EXISTS

President Wilson and Advisers Making Preparations for Formal Beginning of Hostilities Early Next Week.

KAISER IS REPORTED ILL AND CZAR IS SAID TO HAVE ESCAPED

Former Russian Ruler Believed to be Speeding for Switzerland in Auto—House of Commons Adopts Woman Suffrage.

By International News Service.

Washington, March 28.—While every agency of the Government is rushing war preparedness, President Wilson and his advisers devoted themselves tonight to the task of fixing the administration policy for its submission to Congress next week.

No announcement came from the White House, but officials declared that immediate decisive action had been decided upon. The sole question now is to determine what form to take. The general feeling now in Washington is that the German crisis will be disposed of by a joint resolution in Congress declaring that a state of war exists. Leaders are confident that when the President's views are expounded, action by Congress will be prompt and effective.

The first routine business by Congress will be the passage of the army appropriation bill, mobilizing the financial resources of the nation to prepare for the impending war. President Wilson and his advisers are working on a financial program which may include an extension of American credit to the Allies. The Treasury Department announced tonight that the United States is financially more prosperous than ever before in history, and that the only problem is to get effective use for the money resources of the nation.

Berne, March 28.—Private dispatches from Berlin tonight say the German Emperor is suffering from a mild form of diabetes. His condition is not alarming.

London, March 28.—Following an urgent appeal for equal suffrage by Lloyd George in the House of Commons this afternoon, the House by a majority of 279 expressed their approval of the proposed suffrage legislation. The action was received with wildest enthusiasm from the suffrage headquarters.

Washington, March 28.—The State Department today asked the Caranza government for its policy toward the German plots against the United States. It is reported that Germany plans to use Mexican territory as a base for hostile operations, both on land and sea. Germany is reported to have obtained sites for submarine basis and wireless stations on Mexican soil.

Amsterdam, March 28.—Brand Whitlock, United States Minister to Belgium, and all members of the American relief in Belgium may be forced to submit to four weeks of quarantine by the German authorities before they are permitted to leave Germany.

London, March 28.—The British cavalry captured the villages of Villers-l'aucon and Saulecourt, north of Roisel today. They also captured some territory at two points on the Boigns Langnicourt road, according to the late night statement.

London, March 28.—The French on the left flank of Hindenburg's line today succeeded in considerably deepening the wedge, taking the important positions south of St. Gobain forest, in the Champagne district.

Berlin, March 28.—The Overseas News Agency has reports that Nicholas Romanoff, the recent Czar of Russia, has escaped from the palace prison at Tharskoe-Selo. He is believed to be fleeing to the Russo-Swedish border in an automobile. A close watch on the highways is being maintained.

Duluth, Minn., March 28.—Secret Service agents today seized a large quantity of anti-recruiting literature today. They are working to unearth a nation-wide campaign against enlistment. Sixty rioters were given thirty days in the workhouse, and seventeen more were arrested today.

Washington, March 28.—Organized labor placed itself behind the Government today by its authorized spokesmen to aid in a speedy execution of the military navy program. Unreserved support of the American Federation of Labor was given today at a conference between labor leaders and the Government department heads. They conferred on plans for calling thousands of workers for civil service examinations.

Berlin, March 8.—Important international reforms, particularly as regards the electoral system, are expected to be outlined by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in the upper House of the Prussian Diet tomorrow.

In the Reichstag the Chancellor will speak on foreign affairs. The atmosphere is charged with reports and rumors of an important announcement by the Chancellor.

London, March 28.—The Morning Post's Amsterdam correspondent says:

"In Berlin great importance is attached to the visit of the Austrian Foreign Minister to the German capital, which coincides with the visit of Enver Pasha, the Turkish Minister for War, who arrived Sunday evening. It is persistently reported in some circles that these visits are associated with new peace suggestions.

"Von Bethmann-Hollweg will address the Reichstag on Thursday and new peace suggestions are expected from him."